





KEN MOSBY

VVGC BOD PRESIDENT

The VVGC Board of Directors is pleased to announce that, following an extensive search process, we have selected our next General Manager. **Craig Johnson** is a native of Bozeman and a graduate of Montana State University. Craig brings 25 years of professional experience across various industries and roles. He finds fulfillment in helping others, spending quality time with his family, and exploring the outdoors.

Craig currently volunteers with several local non-profit organizations and has held the position of Accounting Manager at Riverside Country Club for the past six years.

He is married to Katie, who is also a Bozeman native, and they have three children: Makenzie, Andrew, and Samantha. In his spare time, Craig enjoys cooking, fishing, camping, hiking, golfing, hunting, and attending his children's activities.

Craig is excited to join the Valley View team and is committed to enhancing the experience for all members. In his words, "Members join a club for enjoyment, fun, and connection with friends and family. My commitment will be to ensure that this continues at Valley View for many years to come." Craig will transition from Riverside to VVGC in late March.





STEVE JOHNSON

GENERAL MANAGER

It's that time of year for a few reminders:

Note: Our club website has the VVGC [Rules and Regulations](#).

Handicaps - We are no longer billing you or collecting money for your handicap. If you'd like to continue or start a handicap for the 2025 season you must go through the MSGA website at (<https://www.msgagolf.org/join-the-msga/>). You will be asked to identify your golf club. All handicaps will expire as of 03/31/2025, unless you have already renewed for the upcoming season. If you have any questions, please call the pro shop at 406-587-9751 ext.1 or email proshop@vvgcbozeman.com.

Driving Range Fee – Several years ago an Annual Driving Range Fee of \$120 was instituted per membership. This fee was included on your March Statement. It allows everyone on your membership to use the practice facility.

Food Minimum – The Food minimum of \$150 per year will be billed on your April Statement. This is a use it or lose it restaurant fee that can be used for food only (not Alcohol) between May 1 and October 31. Once billed, the balance of your food minimum appears at the bottom of your monthly Statement.

Bag and Cart storage – If you would like bag and cart storage for this year please call the pro shop. We will not promise a spot or bill you for storage until you bring your clubs back for the season. The annual rates are: Bag only - \$150; Bag w/ push cart - \$200; bag w/electric push cart (inside the bag room) - \$250 Note: only a very limited number of these can be accommodated in the bag room; bag w/electric push cart (out in storage sheds*) - \$200, *This is a self-service area.





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Driving Carts – We will be getting new Yamaha carts this year. The usage fee is \$13/9 holes per seat. A limited number of annual passes are available. They are \$700 per individual and \$1,000 per couple on the same membership. They are good for one 18 hole round per day. Call the pro shop to reserve your annual cart pass. They will be billed on your April statement.

VVGC Dress Code – Proper golf attire is required when utilizing the golf course or practice facility. Members are responsible for ensuring their guests wear appropriate attire. **MEN:** Shirts must have collars and sleeves. Golf specialty tee shirts are acceptable. Current golf fashion is acceptable (as seen on the PGA tour). **WOMEN:** Sleeveless shirts without collars must have at least 2-inch shoulders. Current golf fashion is acceptable (as seen on the LPGA tour). Shoes are always required. Items that are never permitted on the golf course or practice facilities include: Hiking or cowboy boots, cleats from other sports, steel spikes, sweatpants, gym shorts, unhemmed cutoffs, swimwear, tank tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, or clothing with inappropriate wording.

Food and Beverage – All food and beverages consumed at the golf club must be furnished by the Clubhouse, except for a personal water bottle and snack. Alcoholic beverages will be served, sold, and consumed on the premises only during hours permitted by law. Alcoholic beverages will be served only to persons permitted to purchase them under the laws of the State of Montana. If a minor is observed underage drinking on Valley View property, the F&B Manager and/or the Golf Professional shall present a notice to the minor; notify the Bozeman Police Department; and notify the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will notify the minor's parents via a letter.





TED BABCOCK PGA

DIRECTOR OF GOLF

March is always a stimulating and anxious time of the year for golf professionals north of the Mason Dixon Line. On one side of the coin, the light at the end of tunnel is finally becoming brighter. On the other side of the coin, it's time to batten down the hatches and start implementing season opening procedures. On the super bright side, we are all very blessed to have Jack Thorsen and Paul Bennett back for the 2025 season.

It has been our goal in the golf operation to always have some new tournaments and vendors for membership each season. Your Head Golf Professional, Paul Bennett was instrumental, in securing a pre-book with Pins & Aces. We will have a Men's and Ladies line available for you all to come and check out in April. In addition to Pins & Aces, there will also be a full line of Men's and Ladies outerwear and summer lines from TRUE linkswear.

As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, the Flag Event on Memorial Day has been losing steam in the past five or six seasons. We have decided to change the format for Memorial Day and move the Red, White, and Blue Scramble to Memorial Day. The Red, White and Blue Scramble date will be replaced with the Short Grass Scramble in September. The 2025 Tournament Schedule is available on our website.





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Checking in with the golf shop and signing all your purchase tickets prior to teeing off will help many aspects of the golf operation. It has advantages for the golfer; they know what hole we are starting on, can be informed if there are any unusual playing conditions, be well-versed on who they are following or who they are paired up with, to name a few. The help in terms of the accounting team cannot be overlooked. There have been countless examples of members disputing charges from cart fees to tournament charges. Simply taking the time to sign all purchase tickets can go a long way to alleviate these issues.

We are excited to start seeing some green break through the snow. Hope to see you all soon and enjoy the somewhat spring weather we are experiencing.

It is my honor to be your Director of Golf.





GARY COLSTAD

SUPERINTENDENT

For better or for worse...my “migratory” work pattern has continued. I very well could be considered a “snowbird” except for the fact that I do not go south! This pattern I speak of is based on the ambition level that I have in my body to do golf course maintenance. This ambition is weather related, but I can narrow it down even further. My ambition is in direct relation to snowflakes... depending on whether they are coming or going!

After the grind of a long summer season at the golf course, it seems as though around Labor Day I begin to think about snow falling from the sky. The last thing I want to do is cut short a

fabulous golf season for the members, but I do not think a little skiff of snow would hurt anyone! Just enough to give the maintenance staff one day off! That is my mentality as the daylight of September and October days begin to get shorter and shorter. Now fast forward to March 1st and my thought process has totally reversed. What...it is snowing again??? What is with all this white stuff on the ground??? Won't it ever go away??? The warm temperatures we enjoyed the last week of February have steered me toward golf course mode but there remains a ton of snow on the golf course. I am anxious to see grass... specifically GREEN grass.

I am confident with our winter preparation of Valley View, but you never know what curve ball Mother Nature can throw at us. So many factors that are out of our control. We do what we think is best...and keep our fingers crossed.

Hopefully, our tasks at the maintenance building are changing over to outside duties. Not necessarily out on the golf course jobs, but hopefully outside the building... enjoying the sunshine and fresh air.





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My staff has spent what seems like the entire month of February painting tee signs. This is a very tedious task, and I can tell their fondness for this job has ended, especially since there is very little fondness from the very beginning. These signs are many, many years old and should be replaced soon (hint).

Valley View, being a private club, could get by with an amazingly simple, modest maintenance tee sign. No need for graphic design or little information at all for that matter. Basically, a sign that designates the hole number. On occasions we might have guests that need a few instructions, but our membership

should have all the ins and outs memorized.

I would like the membership to spread the word about our ever-increasing storage piles of wood and dirt west of hole #5. We need an area to store these materials as projects arise, but we are running out of room. If any member knows of someone who would be interested in this material or has equipment to haul this material, please let me know. There will be time restrictions as to when this project could happen due to soft ground conditions, but this does not have to be accomplished all at once. A little at a time would work for me!

Let us all think about sunshine but hopefully the snow disappears at a manageable rate. Floods are a huge inconvenience. We will get the golf course open ASAP.





KEN HODGSON

FOOD & BEVERAGE MANAGER

Greetings from the Valley View Restaurant Staff!

The Restaurant is open 11am-2pm Monday-Friday until golf starts.

Upcoming restaurant calendar.

March 17th – March 21st (The restaurant will be closed for Spring Break)

April 20th, Sunday (Easter Brunch). Please feel free to start reserving your table for the Easter Brunch.

vvgckitchen@gmail.com

We will be making a few minor changes to the winter menu for March and April, please come by and have some lunch or homemade soup. The new menu is available on the VVGC webpage and can be found by clicking [here](#). Come see what changes we have made to the menu (my new personal favorite is the Chicken Curry Rice Bowl). We will have many more changes to the new summer menu starting in May.





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FOOD & BEVERAGE MANAGER

Lastly, I would like to re-address handwriting your name and/or member number on guest checks. It is a difficult task for our servers to know all 600+ of our regular and dining members and their families. Please remember to PRINT your name clearly on the ticket so we can correctly charge it to the right account. Also, we have had some recent “tabs” that people have forgotten to close when they leave. Some people have realized it and called the next day. This also happens often at the shack during the season. As long as we have your name on your tab, we will close it for you and add a 20% gratuity. This does not mean that we are adding gratuity to every ticket, it just means that if you forget to close your tab, we will take care of it for you. This happens often at the shack, and it is not a big deal for us as long as we have your name. If you finish golfing and realize that you forgot to close out at the shack, it’s okay, we will take care of it. We do not open a running tab out there unless we have a member name on it. Also, if you close a tab and leave a cash tip, it is very helpful to us (and our accounting department) if you would mark “cash” on the tip line or put a slash through it or “X” it out. It keeps us from wondering if you left unhappy with your food or service. We strive to provide quality food and service to you, each and every visit.

There are some new names and faces in the restaurant already and we will be starting to hire new employees for the upcoming golf season real soon. Feel free to meet our new servers, they are eager to get to know our membership.

We have had lots of support from our membership and our dining members throughout the winter. Thank you so much! We always appreciate the business.

Restaurant, Bar, and Snack Shack hours and notes can be found on the club calendar!





ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLUB NEWS AND NOTES

NEW FULL MEMBERS

Debra Ward
Rob Nash
Eric Sutherland
Aaron Smith

NEW DINING AFFILIATES

Charles Rust
KC Barrett
Charline Spain
Sharon Reed
Katie Thomas

OUTGOING MEMBERS

Tyler Garrison
Tim & Ellyn Sakai
Don & Diane Beeman
Roy Pezoldt

HOLE-IN-ONE CELEBRATIONS

We cannot wait to start celebrating hole-in-ones!

*If you get a Hole-In-One report it to the Pro Shop along with your witness.
Members receive a \$200 credit on your bill (usually used up by your bar tab).
Also, don't be shy about taking a picture for the newsletter.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 13: Board Meeting
March 17-21 : Restaurant Closed for Spring Break
April 20: Easter Brunch

Our club calendar can now be found online! Click [here](#) to view.





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